Schedule

Thursday Feb 25, 2027

Registration & Social Gathering — **3:30 - 6:30pm**
Lute's Casino 221 S Main St

Introduction of Presenters and Orientation — **7:00pm**
Historic Yuma Theater

Friday Feb 26, 2027

Registration (continues) — **8:00 - 10:00am**
78 W 2nd Street
Presentations — **All day**

Friday evening - at the Yuma Art Center

Presenter Exhibition, Student Show & Small Works Auction
Show Your Stuff

Saturday Feb 27, 2027

Presentations — **All day**
Saw, File, & Solder Sprints — **Saturday afternoon**
Annual Dinner and Dance — **Saturday evening**



Taylor Reinhold

Our 48th year is another major milestone for our little organization! One that brings pride and celebration for the many years of sharing our creative passions and connecting community. Unfortunately, it also presents a major funding issue for the symposium to overcome. The pandemic, rising expenses and lower than usual attendance have exhausted our financial resources making a fundraising campaign crucial. The Yuma Art Symposium launched a fundraising goal last year of fifty thousand dollars and that goal was nearly reached! In order to survive past our 49th year, we have again set a goal of fifty thousand dollars. This is no small task, but we have a plan and are confident our community of artists and supporters around the country will help us meet and dare we say exceed our goals.



Susan Doyle

DONATE

How can you help? Attend the 48th Symposium and bring a friend or visit **Yumasymposium.org** for support and donation information.

A complete schedule and event map will be provided in your registration packet. **FOR MORE INFORMATION** go to www.yumasymposium.org or contact Neely Tomkins, YAS Executive Director, 78 West 2nd Street, Yuma AZ 85364 • (928) 750-1195 • Email: neelyandgeorge@gmail.com

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Marilyn da Silva

YUMA ART SYMPOSIUM 48

The Yuma Art Symposium is a series of demonstrations, lectures and visual presentations given by both internationally recognized and emerging artists who have demonstrated unusual talent. The 48th Yuma Symposium begins on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2027 with registration, a social gathering and the traditional pin swap. Orientation and informal introductions of the presenters will follow at 7 pm at the Yuma Theater.

Exhibitions & Events

PRE-SYMPOSIUM AT ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE - Thursday Feb 25th
Arizona Western College, in conjunction with the Yuma Symposium, hosts the "Pre-Symposium Day at AWC" on Thursday morning and early afternoon. Four presenters will give previews of their symposium presentations free to the public.

PIN SWAP For 44 years participants have made pins, usually in their preferred medium, ranging from the goofy to the sublime. The best access to and selection of pins will be at registration on Thursday. However, pins are traded and sold throughout the symposium.

STUDENT EXHIBITION Students attending the symposium are encouraged to show a single **"installation-ready"** work in the student exhibition, which is displayed concurrently with the presenter exhibition Friday evening. **ONLINE REGISTRATION!** All Student show submissions **MUST** be registered online **before midnight February 14, 2027** to be included in the exhibition. If you have not registered online by the deadline you will not have work in the exhibition!

SMALL WORKS AUCTION This yearly **fundraiser** is a highlight of our Friday night festivities. Symposium attendees and artists from around the country are invited to donate small works of art that are auctioned (silently) during the opening of the exhibition on Friday evening. This is a great opportunity to add to your contemporary art collection. Many of the top artists in the country donate to the auction. All proceeds benefit the Yuma Art Symposium.

SHOW YOUR STUFF Show Your Stuff is an event that turns the symposium attendee into the symposium presenter. Participants have the opportunity to give a 5 minute presentation of their personal work on Friday night of the symposium. It is a wonderful way to get your work out in public, practice your public speaking, or, if desired, ask the audience for their constructive feedback. See website for more information.

SAW, FILE & SOLDER SPRINTS Three-person relay teams usually, but not necessarily, skilled in metals convert the making of a simple ring into an exciting sports event. Naturally, gorgeous trophies will be awarded to the winning teams. Put a team together and challenge the champs!

Register online at **www.yumaartsymposium.org**



Danielle Embry

Presenters

Martha Casanave PHOTOGRAPHY
Who's a Good Girl?! Untold Stories of Women in Photography and the Men in Their Lives

Marilyn da Silva METALS
Color on Metal: Icing on the Cake

Susan Doyle MIXED MEDIA
Beneath the Surface: Visualizing Global Data and Shared Realities

Danielle Embry METALS
Glass, Metal, Fire

Dick Lehman CERAMICS
On-wheel Alteration and Oni-Glazing: 50 Years of Making

Judy Natal, PHOTOGRAPHY
The Weather Diaries

Masako Onodera SCULPTURE
Phantoms

Taylor Reinhold MURALS
The Intersection of Art & Environmental Justice

Dana Seeger PRINTMAKING & BOOK BINDING
Defining Gravity: A collaborative lithographic book project

Adon Valenziano SCULPTURE
Some Kind of Strange New Beauty



Masako Onodera



Judy Natal



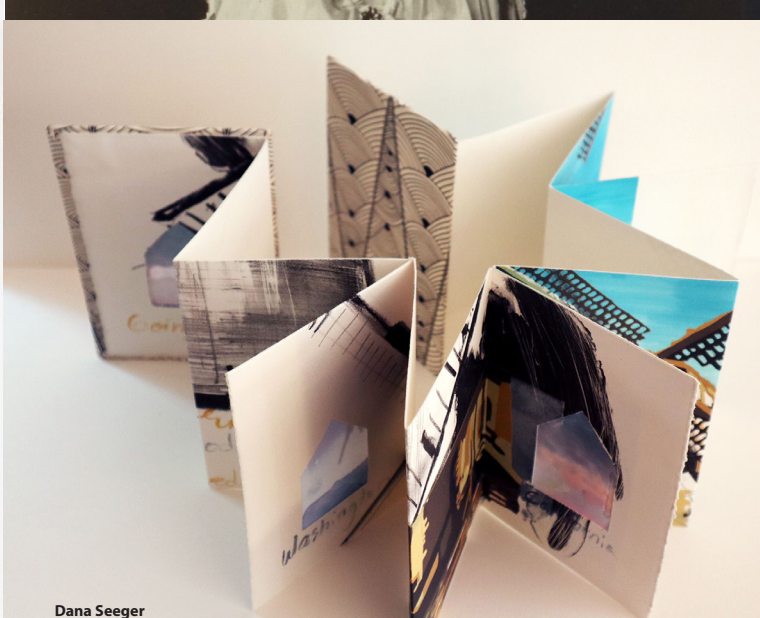
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